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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 92 percent complete, ahead of last year at 79 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 86 percent. Alfalfa conditions range from poor to good depending on location. Sheeping off is moderate to active in western and central alfalfa acres in the State. Range and pasture conditions are mostly very poor, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, greens, honeydews, parsley, spinach, and lemons.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale, Boston, iceberg, and romaine lettuce, and green leaf, red leaf lettuce, bok choy, parsley, spinach, and other miscellaneous melons this week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal across the State for the week ending December 13, ranging from 8 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon to 3 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 71 degrees at Parker and Yuma, and the lowest reading of -19 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 21 of the 22 stations. Yuma received 0.02 inches and Payson received 2.00 inches of precipitation. There are no reporting stations showing precipitation above normal for the year.

Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures continued extremely dry throughout the month of November. Occasional showers mostly in the Southeastern areas of Arizona occurred, but much more is needed for winter feed. Temperatures statewide were mostly below normal for November. Range and pasture conditions were very poor to fair across the State. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were mostly short. Insect damage remained mostly light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from very poor to good, depending on location. Low elevation pastures were in mostly poor condition. Mid elevation pastures were poor to good. High elevation pastures were very poor to good. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were mostly short. Insect damage remained light.

In the Central areas of the State, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair. Pasture conditions in lower elevations were mostly fair. Mid elevation conditions varied from very poor to mostly fair, depending on location. High elevation conditions were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

In the Southern region, rangeland conditions varied from very poor to good, depending on location. Low elevation pastures were mostly very poor. Mid elevation conditions varied from very poor to fair. Cattle remain in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels remain mostly short. Insect damage was virtually non-existent in the Southern region.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 7, 2009 - December 13, 2009								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	45	-4	61	29	1.71	5.41	-3.29	62
Buckeye	48	-4	64	30	0.46	2.76	-4.30	39
Canyon De Chelly	29	-4	41	10	0.51	4.87	-4.40	53
Coolidge	48	-3	69	26	0.25	3.42	-3.39	50
Douglas	49	3	66	26	0.00	5.76	-7.01	45
Flagstaff	25	-6	39	-5	0.57	9.35	-12.07	44
Grand Canyon	21	-8	37	-19	1.34	9.37	-9.70	49
Kingman	39	-6	53	23	0.56	4.82	-4.41	52
Marana	50	-2	70	32	0.40	5.11	-4.56	53
Maricopa	47	-4	70	26	0.21	3.66	-2.73	57
Paloma	49	-4	68	29	0.05	1.63	-3.82	30
Parker	48	-5	71	29	0.57	1.60	-1.70	48
Payson	35	-5	52	16	2.00	11.26	-9.48	54
Phoenix	52	-3	65	37	0.29	3.10	-3.96	44
Prescott	35	-3	47	14	1.39	7.45	-11.28	40
Roll	50	-2	68	29	0.10	0.92	-1.93	32
Safford	42	-3	60	24	0.24	4.42	-4.69	49
St. Johns	34	-2	50	9	0.22	3.66	-7.24	34
Tucson	51	-2	66	33	0.15	5.81	-5.52	51
Willcox	43	-2	63	22	0.08	9.92	-2.20	82
Winslow	33	-1	51	8	0.33	2.94	-4.71	38
Yuma	55	-3	71	42	0.02	2.44	-0.41	86
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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